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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF VICE PRESIDENT

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1. I RAISED TRAVEL TO ISRAEL OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD DURING MY MEETING WITH HIM ON JUNE 14 (REF B). HE IMMEDIATELY INQUIRED WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE VISITING ANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA. I REPLIED "NO" AND STRESSED THE CEREMONIAL NATURE OF THE VISIT.

2. SAUD OBSERVED TARTLY THAT THE TRIP WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE A BAD EFFECT ON THE ARAB WORLD -- HE DID NOT LIKE IT AT ALL -- AND IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE USG HAD TO GIVE SO MUCH RECOGNITION TO SUCH AN EVENT AS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: I WOULD HOPE THAT I MIGHT BE INFORMED IF THE VICE PRESIDENT IS CARRYING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGES TO THE ISRAELIS, GIVEN THE POOR ISRAELI RESPONSE TO THE USG QUESTIONS.

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